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Dear Dr. Henney:

This letter is to urge the FDA to ban the use of antibiotics and growth hormones in farm animals.

The use of antibiotics to promote growth in livestock is both unnecessary and careless. As antibiotic-resistant strains have emerged, antibiotics used for animals and humans have become less effective in treating disease. The risks have been recognized by such organizations as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and the National Academy of Sciences.

Please also ban the use of growth hormones such as RGBH. The use of growth hormones serves only to increase production and does not benefit the health of the livestock or consumers.

My family has become increasingly concerned with the quality and purity of our food. Please act in our best interest, not that of agribusiness.

Thank you,

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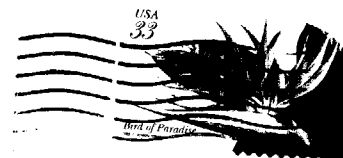
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